



THE FIRST REGIMENT TO CROSS THE CONTINENT. The Sacramento (Cal.) Union of the 30th Number, mentions the arrival there of the 8th Regiment of U. S. Infantry, which left Fort Worth, Mo., on the 27th May, and performed the march across the continent in 190 days, if they remained in camp on Sundays, 162 marching days. They averaged about 100 miles per week, and reached California within the limit of a month, and only about 50 miles short of the limit of 1100—perhaps at the present rate of 100 miles per week, this would be an inadmissible and even less so, while the latter part of the season has been unfavorable and even inclement.

DR. RUSH.

### Miscellaneous Summary.

CONGRESSIONAL

**JAN. 21.**—Mr. Stiebel of Louisiana, introduced a bill making an appropriation to facilitate the acquisition of the island of Cuba. The bill says that Whereas, The island of Cuba, in geography, possesses a commanding influence over the large and annually increasing trade both northward and southward; and Whereas, The island, in its Colonial condition, must continue a source of injury and annoyance endangering the friendly relation between Spain and the United States, by the aggressions of the Spanish Government against the rights of commerce, for which tardy redress can only be had by circuitous demands on Spain, and Whereas, In the opinion of Congress, as at times demonstrated by the President, as the heretofore existing hostile relations, and restrictions, future difficulties it is expedient that negotiations for the purchase of the island should be renewed; and, therefore, That \$500,000 be placed in the President's hands to be expended therefrom from time to time until the Treasury shall have received five per cent bonds of a thousand dollars each, redeemable in ten or twenty years.

Jan. 11.—The Mexican and Central American Conference Association has asked Arizona for their place of settlement. It is understood to be supported by prominent Southerners and New Yorkers. The Association have already purchased certain grants, and are negotiating for others in Arizona. Gen. Jennings, as chief engineer, will probably, during the coming spring, take a tour of the large border region.

The first resolution reported in the Senate to-day by Mr. Mason, for the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reiterates that by reason of the distracted and revolutionary condition of Mexico, in certain of the States of Central America, and occasionally of those in South America, the lives and property of United States citizens are exposed to grave violence or otherwise placed in peril; all redress in the usual diplomatic form being in vain, and it being the indispensable duty of government to protect the lives and property of our citizens against lawless violence without the limits of the United States; therefore, it is proposed that the President to use the military and naval force and interpose in such cases when he may deem necessary.

WASHINGTON, JED. 13.—The following are the principal provisions of Senator Seward's Slave Trade bill, amending the existing acts: It is made unlawful for any American steamers to be manned and equipped, and considered as vessels of the navy, to be employed to cruise on the coast of the United States, Cuba, Africa, or elsewhere, whenever the President may judge an attempt is being made to transport slaves; and it is made unlawful to pass laws prohibiting the foreign Africa slave trade to be carried on within its limits. No ship shall sail for the African coast without a clearance from the United States District Attorney, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall designate the ports where an American coast-guard shall reside, and where only commerce can be carried on; it repeals all incompatible acts, an appropriation \$1,000,000 for expenses.

Jan 16.—In the House Mr. Giddings gave notice of an amendment to abolish the traffic in slaves to which this country, in a treaty with Great Britain in 1845, committed. Will gentlemen consider the traffic in human flesh and involve the nation in the guilt of perjury?

Mr. Smith, of Va.—What do you think of the police trade and French traffic in Africa?

Mr. Giddings—I think it as bad as the coastwise trade, committed. Will gentlemen consider the wife and children, I should object.

[Laughter.]

Mr. Smith suggested whether it would not be well to comment on the interesting fact that 3 vessels in the free State and only 5 in the South are engaged in the slave trade, here be a desideratum to reform the morals of his neighbors.

Mr. Giddings—I would as soon lay my hands on the northern as the southern pirate. I am not sectional in my views. [Laughter.]

Mr. Giddings said Mr. Giddings said that if he should be nominated for Governor of Ohio he wanted to make a six months issue

the Democratic party. He wished to know from his colleague, Mr. Cox whether the latter's party was for or against the trade.

Mr. Cox asked to pay his respects to his colleague for a few moments. A crowd gathered round him. He said Mr. Giddings knew that the Democratic members of the former session voted that it was inexpedient and unjust to restore the African slave trade, and that the Democratic party were not so ready to trade to it.

Mr. Giddings remarked that he had alluded to the coarctation slave trade.

Mr. Cox resumed: He said that Mr. Giddings had undertaken to place Democrats in a false position, and inculcate the idea that the Democrats were in favor of the trade, and were therefore pro and anti slavery, but places itself on the doctrine of leaving the people to regulate the matter as they may think proper. He hoped that his colleague may be nominated for the Governorship of Ohio, and when the election is over the latter would be in a position to make a full and fair claim with Aristides: "I yield to popular opinion in every thing, even when the people drive me."

Mr. Cuz.—Are you in favor of the negroes?  
Ohio voting.  
Mr. Giddings.—I expressed no such opinion.  
[Laughter.]  
Mr. Cuz.—Would you permit them to vote?  
Mr. Giddings.—I would whenever negroes are  
the democratic party in intellect and moral virtue.  
[Excessive laughter.]  
Mr. Cuz.—My colleague does not come up to his  
doctrine. Is he, or not, in favor of African

equality of negroes as citizens of Ohio. The gentleman and the Democrats were on the same footing. [Laughter.] But will not interfere in the quarrel between them. Mr. Cox: The difference between my age and that of my friend, if I may so call him, will not prevent me putting him to the torture, because I cannot be elected Governor of Ohio. In rising, all I wished to do was to put the Democratic party right, and it is right. The gentleman can come with his forces, and we will meet him. Mr. Cox: I will not ask any more questions. Mr. Houston objected. The House had enough of this.

There was much confusion during these proceedings. Everybody was evidently interested in the discussion.

The Committee rose and the House adjourned.

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